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Hair salon blaze causes \$200K in damages

FIRE Ottawa firefighters are investigating a fire that caused more than \$200,000 in damages at a west-end hair salon early yesterday morning.

At 3:42 a.m., police and firefighters were called to a blaze at the Blue Shears Hair Salon at 198 Greenbank Rd., said Ottawa District Fire Chief Sheldon Ridgeway.

Twenty-six firefighters with 10 trucks attended the fire and brought it under control in half an hour. The fire is estimated to have caused \$52,000 in damages to the building and \$150,000 to the contents, Ridgeway said.

There were no injuries.

Firefighters at the scene determined that the fire started in the utility room.

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Riding the Recession

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

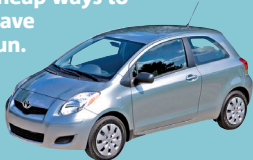
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Pancake Tuesday Flapjack



Reverend Brian Kauk from St. Mark's Anglican Church flips pancakes as he prepares for the church's annual Shrove Tuesday parish dinner last night before the start of Lent.

Tasers safe, say police

Contend no links with deaths

The country's two largest lobby groups representing chiefs and rank-and-file police say Tasers are safe and all police officers should be authorized to use them.

At a news conference aimed at countering "inaccurate information" police say the public has received, the groups argued there is no proven link between Taser use and the deaths of more than 300 people in the U.S. and 25 in Canada that have occurred shortly after those people were jolted by police with the 50,000-volt weapons.

In a position paper yesterday, the Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police called for little change in the way police now use Tasers.

"To date there is no evidence, either scientific or medical, that a conducted energy weapon has been the direct cause of death, anywhere, at any time, on any person," said Tom Kaye, the chiefs' vice-president.

The position by the police groups comes less than two weeks after RCMP Commissioner William Elliott admitted that firing a Taser poses a risk of death, "particularly for acutely agitated

On the web

Video:

- Police officials insist Tasers are safe, but admit they are overused at metronews.ca/canada

individuals," and said the Mounties had changed their policy to restrict use of the stun gun to where it is "necessary" to protect an officer or public safety.

The police associations refused to name studies that might prove their argument that Tasers are safe.

They suggested Elliott's admission was "taken out of context" by reporters.

Kaye conceded that Tasers may have been misused "as compliance devices" when officers were faced with "passive resistance." He said a consensus is emerging that Tasers should be used only in cases of "active resistance."

Charles Momy of the Canadian Police Association defended Taser use where there's "an imminent need to control" an individual.

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Proposed \$300 energy audit 'another tax,' say critics

LEGISLATION Forcing home owners to get \$300 energy audits before selling is a thinly disguised new tax, critics said as Premier Dalton McGuinty was forced on the defensive about his proposed Green Energy Act.

Growing controversy over

the audit requirement in the act prompted the premier to make a statement yesterday saying it may cost a little extra but will save money and benefit the environment in the long run.

"When it comes to buying the single most expensive

thing that you're likely to buy during the course of your lifetime — a home — you're entitled to know what kind of costs you're going to incur on energy," he said.

But hiring an energy auditor to come in still amounts to a pocketbook squeeze at

a time when house prices are already under downward pressure, said Progressive Conservative energy critic John Yakabuski.

"It can be viewed by reasonable people as another tax on the sale of your home."

Suggesting the proposal isn't set in stone, McGuinty and Energy Minister George Smitherman hinted buyers could end up footing the bill for audits, which will still qualify for government subsidy of up to \$150.

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Local



Olympian says stay fit and read

Former Olympian and retired Canadian long-distance runner Silvia Ruegger visited Robert E. Wilson Public School in Vanier yesterday as a part of the Kidsfest Running and Reading Club. More than 60 students from Grades 1 to 6 at the school are regular participants in the club, which is designed to improve children's physical fitness and literacy as they work towards completing a five-kilometre run in June.

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Transitway or new stadium?

The city might be forced to choose between transit or sports stadium

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Not only could the city have to choose between a football stadium in the Glebe and a soccer stadium in Kanata, but that choice may come at the cost of completing the Transitway.

At yesterday's planning and environment committee meeting, city manager Kent Kirkpatrick warned councillors that any federal and provincial funding invested in a new stadium

23 different proposed stadium sites

• Yesterday, the planning committee received a report evaluating 23 different stadium sites across the city. While the

would likely come out of other infrastructure projects.

"I don't believe there is a pot of funds that exists, separate, over and above that funding that is currently being discussed by the governments that would be available simply because we have the op-

portunity to invest in an open air stadium," he said. Kirkpatrick said it could come down to an ultimatum between investing in the stadium and completing the southwest Transitway.

A group of prominent Ottawa businessmen, led by Ottawa 67's owner Jeff

Hunt, are proposing to redevelop Lansdowne Park and bring a CFL franchise back to Ottawa. The redevelopment would include a hotel, aquarium, shopping area and rebuilt stadium.

They are competing with a proposal from Senators owner Eugene Melnyk to build an entertainment district in Kanata, with a new stadium to house a Major League Soccer franchise.

The city would have to pay at least \$100 million to build both stadiums.

Orleans Coun. Bob Monette said there was no way

the city could afford the \$100 million and they would need the federal and provincial governments to agree.

Planning and environment chairman Peter Hume called it a significant twist that will complicate the debate much more.

"That's an incredible debate for us to be having. Transit. Stadium. One or the other," Hume said. "That is just not a winning proposition in terms of comparing the funding to all the other infrastructure priorities."

Stress clinic for military opens

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HEALTH Canada's newest clinic dedicated to the treatment of military men and women with operational stress injuries officially opened in Ottawa yesterday.

Located at the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, the Ottawa Operational Stress Injury Clinic is one of five new operational stress injury clinics funded by the federal government.

By fall 2009, the number of operational stress injury clinics will grow to 10. These complement the five operational trauma and stress support centres operated by the Department of National Defence.

"Our network of operational stress injury clinics demonstrates our commitment to improving the quality of life of clients and their families living with mental health conditions," said Minister of Veterans Affairs Greg Thompson.

Courtroom hears details of murder victim's final hours

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MINUTES Even after he was severely wounded, 26-year-old Charbel Chaar fought for his life.

At the trial for six men accused in his death, Ontario Superior Court Justice Hugh McLean and a 12-person jury heard yesterday that even while Chaar suffered heavy blood loss after being stabbed and beaten inside the Midway Family Fun Park on the afternoon of Sept. 4, 2003, he was trying to get up.

On the witness stand yesterday, Ottawa police Sgt. Raymond Sabourin said Chaar was trying to get to

his feet. Sabourin said he had to grab the man by his wrists and hold him down.

Sabourin, who described Chaar as a "large man" and "very strong," said he didn't notice anything strange about Chaar's abdomen until paramedics told him to apply pressure there.

That was when he noticed the blood.

Sabourin told the court that he believed he was focused on Chaar's fingers, three of which were nearly severed on his right hand.

On Sept. 4, police were called to the facility at St. Laurent Boulevard, where they found Chaar bleeding from multiple wounds.

They arrested six men at the scene.

Tawab Dadshani, 33, Wahab Dadshani, 31, Tarik Echraf, 28, Fahim Payman, 30, Mohamed Abed, 25, and Shaun Hulbert, 25, have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

By the time Chaar arrived at the Civic campus of the Ottawa Hospital, he had no vital signs.

Witness Dr. Kenneth Farion, who was working at the emergency department that afternoon, said Chaar suffered a laceration to the back of his head, several lacerations to his arms, a bruise to the chest area, a large wound to his upper abdomen and that his bowels were spilling out of his upper abdomen.

The trial continues.

Eternal Flame Warming up



Stéphanie Lavoie and Jeff Dubé warm up by the Eternal Flame on Parliament Hill on a cold day yesterday.

News in brief

ASSAULT Three Ottawa men were in court yesterday facing 40 criminal charges in relation

to an assault in Vanier early Monday. At 1 a.m., two men became involved in a verbal ar-

gument that allegedly escalated to violence with three other men.

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Sled away, Ottawa

The City of Ottawa has reopened its 50 approved sledding hills. The hills, which had been closed due to a lack of snow and ice, now have enough snow to allow for safe sledding. **METRO OTTAWA**

FurBall Creating to help

Laureen Harper, wife of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and honorary chair of the fifth annual Humane Society FurBall, decorates a ceramic pet bowl at Gotta Paint ceramic café yesterday in preparation for the gala. The bowls will be part of a celebrity auction to raise money for Ottawa's animals during the event March 28.

Three charged in attempted home invasion

Police here charged three Ottawa men after an attempted home invasion Monday morning.

At around 1:30 a.m., three men allegedly attempted to enter a residence in the Siren Private area, police said.

The occupants barricaded themselves inside the house and called police. They were successful in keeping the suspects out.

Based on the description provided, police located and arrested three suspects

a short time later. Police said yesterday they do not believe the incident to be a random act.

Shayne Guerrier, 19, Marc Deslauriers, 20, and Michael Dogbe, 20, face numerous charges.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Medical treatments likely cause of biowaste radiation

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There is a strong possibility that the radiation detected in Ottawa biowaste last month came from the waste of medical patients, but the city's director of Water and Wastewater Services said it's impossible to know for sure.

The dose of radiation received from the biosolids was extremely small — less than 1/10,000 of what is normally received annually from natural sources, said Dixon Weir.

The radioactive material is very likely the medical isotope iodine-131.

Similar situations have occurred in other cities in North America and Weir said the research points to "normal excreta that comes from people undergoing medical treatments."

"They do not represent a risk to our works, the public or the environment," said Weir.

On Jan. 29, two truckloads of biosolids from the R.O. Pickard Environmental Centre were turned

away at the U.S. border after radioactive material was detected.

Two more truckloads were discovered the next day at the plant.

An investigation failed

to identify the source and no other biosolids have tested positive since then.

Weir said many trucks crossed the border without incident since then.

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A 62-year-old Winnipeg woman has been charged after hundreds of false 9-1-1 calls were allegedly made over a one-year period, CBC.ca reports. Joyce Prins is accused of making more than 300 calls to the emergency service between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2008. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Klein wins Brit book award

Canadian journalist Naomi Klein has won Britain's inaugural Warwick Prize for Writing for *The Shock Doctrine*, her acclaimed investigation into neoliberal economics which she calls "disaster capitalism." The 2007 book argues that governments and companies use natural disasters or man-made shocks like the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to push through corporate-friendly policies.

REUTERS

No assessment, inquiry hears

DZIEKANSKI None of the four Mounties deployed to handle Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport assessed the scene as taught in police training or spoke to witnesses before confronting the Polish man, a public inquiry heard yesterday, CBC.ca reports. Const. Gerry Rundel testified at the inquiry into Dziekanski's death.

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News in brief

COURTS The Ontario government heads to court today in a legal battle with SARS victims, who argue the province placed concerns about tourism and the economy ahead of eradicating the deadly disease. It has been nearly six years since the first cluster of SARS cases. The province argues members of the public have no right to sue the government for failing to stop the spread of a communicable disease. SARS killed 44 people, all in the Greater Toronto Area.

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Foreign Relations Cannon speaks on Afghanistan



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, right, meets with Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon at the State Department in Washington yesterday. Cannon stressed the importance of a civilian presence in Afghanistan to train police there.

KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

Feds, provinces probing high-speed train link

RAIL It has been repeatedly studied for decades, but Ottawa, Queen's Park and the Quebec government are spending \$3 million to probe the feasibility of a

high-speed rail link between Quebec City and Windsor.

The three levels of government announced the EcoTrain Consortium —

composed of Dessau, MMM, KPMG, Wilbur Smith & Associates, and Deutsche Bahn International — will study the proposal.

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Drunk driving battle waged

Proposal just optics: Official

The battle over whether to lower the legal limit for impaired driving is again being waged in Parliament, with even the police and some advocacy groups questioning whether it is necessary.

Emile Therien, past president of the Canada Safety Council, said yesterday the proposed initiative has more to do with law-and-order optics than actually reducing the number of drunk drivers.

"We are by far the toughest in the world because we criminalize it (impaired driving)," he said, adding that lowering the legal blood alcohol limit will only make criminals of responsible social drinkers.

"This had nothing to do with public safety. This is all optics, part of the 'tough on

crime.'"

The Canada Safety Council is to make its presentation today to the all-party justice committee charged with studying whether the blood-alcohol levels should be reduced to 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood, from the current 80 mg.

The Conservative government's Tackling Violent Crime Act dealt in part with getting tougher on drunk drivers, but stopped short of lowering the threshold.

New Democrat Party justice critic MP Joe Comartin said he remains to be convinced that amending the Criminal Code is needed, adding he hopes the provinces instead will incorporate reduced levels and greater restrictions in their statutes.

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Dalai Lama sees China crackdown in Tibet New Year

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama urged his countrymen yesterday not to be provoked by any Chinese military crackdown coinciding with the Tibetan New Year this week. **REUTERS**

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World

Mountains found in South Pole ice

Jagged mountains the size of the Alps have been found entombed in Antarctica's ice, giving new clues about the vast ice sheet that will raise world sea levels if even a fraction of it melts, scientists said yesterday.

Using radar and gravity sensors, the experts made the first detailed maps of the Gamburtsev subglacial mountains, originally detected 50 years ago by Russian scientists at the heart of the East Antarctic ice sheet.

"The surprising thing

Sea levels

- Antarctica has enough ice to raise world sea levels by about 57 metres if it ever all melted, so even a fractional melt would affect coasts around the globe.

was that not only is this mountain range the size of the Alps, but it looks quite similar to the Alps, with high peaks and valleys," said Fausto Ferraccioli, a geophysicist at the British Antarctic Survey who took

part in the research.

He said that the mountains would probably have been ground down almost flat if the ice sheet had formed slowly. But the presence of jagged peaks might mean the ice formed quickly, burying a landscape under up to four kilometres of ice.

Ferraccioli said the maps were "the first page of a new book" of understanding how ice sheets behave, which in turn could help predict how the ice will react to global warming.

REUTERS

Obama Addressing the nation



U.S. President Barack Obama gives his prime-time address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday. Obama pressed the case for his economic plans, which include ending tax breaks for corporations that send U.S. jobs overseas and possibly setting aside even more money for debt-laden banks, which the Federal Reserve said earlier yesterday should be able to survive without being nationalized.

News in brief

MURDER Russian state prosecutors vowed yesterday to catch the killers of journalist Anna Politkovskaya despite a court's acquittal last week of the only three men so far charged in the 2006 murder.

MUMBAI Militants behind last year's attacks on Mumbai used cellphones activated in the United States and paid for with funds sent from Italy, an Italian

newspaper reported yesterday.

NASA A mission carrying a climate satellite into orbit failed yesterday when the satellite was not able to separate from the rocket, NASA said. The Orbiting Carbon Observatory was going to measure carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and determine what happens to the climate-changing pollutant.

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Murdoch apologizes for chimp cartoon

MEDIA New York Post chairman Rupert Murdoch apologized in print yesterday for a cartoon that ignited protests from readers who saw it as a racist depiction of U.S. President Barack Obama as a chimpanzee.

In an article headlined Statement from Rupert Murdoch on Page 2 of the New York Post, Murdoch said the Feb. 18 cartoon was a mistake.

"I promise you that we will seek to be more attuned to the sensitivities of our community," wrote Murdoch, head of media giant News Corp., which owns the Post.

The cartoon of a policeman shooting an ape played on the real shooting of a pet chimpanzee in Connecticut. A police officer in the cartoon says, "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

The editorial cartoon ran a day after President Obama signed into law the \$787-billion US economic stimulus that he had promoted, and the connection offended those who likened it to the racist, historic comparison of blacks to lower primates.

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Do we believe in freedom of speech?

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Do you believe in freedom of speech? Of course you do. It's the cornerstone of our democracy. It's etched in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms ... b) freedom of thought,

belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication."

Pay attention, freedom lovers. Just because it's in the charter, don't believe everything you read.

What if I asked the question this way: Do you believe in freedom of speech for David Ahenakew? He's the Saskatchewan aboriginal leader who was first convicted, then acquitted, of spreading hate for expressing the following opinion:

"The Jews damn near owned all of Germany prior to the war. That's how

Hitler came in. He was going to make damn sure that the Jews didn't take over Germany or Europe. That's why he fried six million of those guys, you know. Jews would have owned the God-damned world."

When he was acquitted Monday, the B'nai Brith said the verdict is inexcusable, and that Canadian hate crime legislation needs to be reviewed, i.e. strengthened.

Of course there are numerous human rights tribunals that could still discipline Ahenakew. B.C.'s code, for example, says

simply that a person must not publish or cause to be published anything that discriminates against a person or group, or exposes them to hatred or contempt. Under B.C.'s code, it would be much easier to find Ahenakew guilty.

I could ask the question this way: Do you believe in freedom of speech for The Ottawa Citizen? The paper was found guilty of libelling a former cop, Danno Cusson, who took it upon himself to go to New York in the wake of 9/11 with his dog, trying to free trapped survivors. The Citizen called it an ill-con-

ceived misadventure; Cusson was offended and sued — and was awarded \$125,000 by a jury.

Now it's before the Supreme Court of Canada, where media lawyers are pleading for libel laws to be liberalized. Obviously, we do not really believe in freedom of speech. Instead we argue about it. Sometimes restrictions seem to make sense; who wants some guy going around the country spewing hateful lies about Jews? In others, we're not so sure. To shut a reporter up, should all you have to do is sue for libel? Not a good idea if we want

the truth to emerge.

Here's the thing.

If we believe in "freedom" we have to tolerate lies as well as truth, errors as well as accuracy.

Freedom of speech protects us all from the consequences of our utterances and idiotic notions.

Freedom of speech is clear: If you think it, you can say it.

So one more time, do you still believe in freedom of speech? For me, the answer is still — and always will be — yes.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.

Word on the street: What are you planning to do with your tax return? Splurge or save? And why?

Diana Iakossavas

age 24, Toronto

A: I'll probably put it into my savings. That's what I usually do with government cheques. To me, it's extra money, so I just throw it in my savings.

Dwayne Bromfield

age 34, Toronto

A: My wife and I are planning to reinvest in our house, and we're trying to pay down our mortgage.

Meena Chopra

age 36, Toronto

A: Save. Not necessarily because of the economy, but just to be safe, to put it away for a rainy day. And I'm also saving for a pug.

Katheryn Serieux

age 36, Ottawa

A: I don't think I'm getting a tax return this year. I'm pretty sure I'm going to end up paying this year.

Mike Jetty

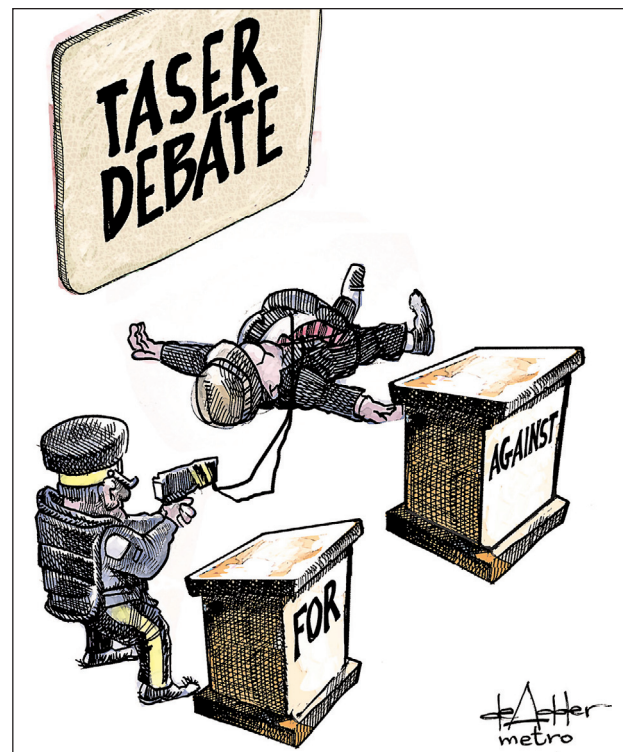
age 40, Ottawa

A: I'm saving. You just save it, you know, for a rainy day.

Tina-Marie Pintos

age 23, Ottawa

A: I'm going to be investing in a new house I'm getting in March, so it's probably going to be going into that and new furniture.



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Business

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Lighten up on web throttling: Group

A group of more than 75 web-focused companies and organizations, including Google, eBay and Amazon, are calling on Canadian regulators to develop a "nuanced" approach when it comes to the thorny issue of phone and cable companies who manage Internet traffic on their networks.

In filings this week to the CRTC in advance of a July probe into Internet traffic management, the Open Internet Coalition rejected the suggestion put forward by Bell Canada Inc. and Rogers Communications Inc. that certain bandwidth-intensive applications need to be actively

"The best ways for ISPs to deal with congestion in their networks is to invest in bigger, faster, open networks."

Jacob Glick, counsel
Google Canada

managed to prevent them from bogging down the Internet.

Bell and Rogers currently use software to sniff out mainly peer-to-peer file-sharing protocols and put them in the equivalent of an Internet slow lane during peak usage periods.

Jacob Glick, the policy counsel for Google Canada, said the approach threatens to render a whole segment of current and future web applications unworkable.

"The evidence suggests that the best ways for ISPs to deal with congestion in their networks is to invest in bigger, faster, open networks," said Glick.

"And while we also recognize that sometimes ISPs will need to traffic over their networks, you can't do that in a manner that's specific to certain applications or content. When you do that, you undermine innovation online."

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Global 'green' stimulus at \$200B: Bank

ENERGY Governments around the world have committed more than \$200 billion US toward technologies to cut dependence on fossil fuels, which should help keep green development moving despite the global economic crunch, an analyst for Deutsche Bank said yesterday.

Governments in the United States, Europe and Asia have also developed more than 250 policies since July last year that support alternative energy such as solar and wind power and climate-change mitigation.

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In brief

LISTERIA Maple Leaf Foods recalled more meat products yesterday over concerns of listeria bacteria, the same day that it reported a smaller quarterly loss of \$14.6 million and said the worst of a costly listeria-related recall last summer was behind it.

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Metro Drive

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Bang for your buck

Top value cars for tough times, tight budgets

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

What better way to ride out the recession than in a new set of wheels. While we're not trying to sound glib about the whole mess, if you're one of the lucky ones in a position to buy a new car, truck or crossover, this is probably the best time in decades to go shopping.

Here are Metro Drive's Top 10 value choices spread over a few categories to help point you in the right direction.

SMALL COUPE: CHEVROLET COBALT XFE (\$15,300)

No one would consider the Chevrolet Cobalt to be a thrilling ride, but General Motors now offers the XFE (or eXtra Fuel Efficient) package standard on any LS model equipped with a five-speed manual transmission. Thus equipped, it gets better highway fuel mileage and more standard power than either the Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla.

SMALL SEDAN: NISSAN VERSA (\$12,498)

Currently one of the least expensive new vehicles in Canada, this entry-level Versa comes only in sedan form with a smaller engine and manual transmission. Not exciting to drive, but good interior space, excellent fuel economy and luxury-car ride make it perfect for around-town shuttling.

SMALL HATCHBACK:



The Toyota Yaris, above, offers great mileage and durability in the small hatchback category; the Nissan Versa, top right, is one of the least-expensive cars available in the market; and the Jeep Patriot, bottom right, may be an inexpensive SUV but it has got enough oomph to impress a date.

Riding the Recession

TOYOTA YARIS (\$13,315)

Only the three-door hatch qualifies for the low price, but a little more than \$13,000 gets you Toyota's evergreen Yaris. Not many niceties come with it, but it will sip fuel and outlast your grandchildren.

GO ANYWHERE HATCHBACK: SUZUKI SX4 JX AWD (\$21,195)

For those itching to have four driven wheels at the best price, Suzuki offers its neat SX4 hatchback. While front-wheel drive models start at \$17,000, you need to get a mid-level JX model for the all-wheel-drive option. For that price, you get a smartly styled, spacious, go anywhere

vehicle that's solid and dependable.

WAGON: VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WAGON 2.0 TDI (\$25,775)

One of the few remaining true station wagons out there, the Jetta can now be optioned with the company's brand new, ultra-clean, low-emissions turbo-diesel engine. With amazing highway economy numbers and a full-tank range of nearly 1,200 km, you could go for weeks before actually needing to find a fuel station.

LUXURY CAR: HYUNDAI GENESIS (\$37,995)

Just because you can afford to buy a new BMW or Mercedes-Benz doesn't mean you should. The new Genesis luxury sedan can play with the best of the world for half the price. Powerful V6 means there's no need to drop the extra coin on the V8 model.



Pet choice

U.S. pet safety advocacy group Bark Buckle UP has given the GMC Acadia its Pet Safe Choice Award for 2009, Canadian Driver reports. The Acadia was named for its standard third-row bench seating for restraining pets and ample room behind the seats for pet crates, among other features.

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Hyundai Sonata one smooth operator

JIM KERR
for Metro Canada

2009 Hyundai Sonata

Type: Mid-size sedan
Price: \$21,995 (base MSRP)
Engine: 2.4 Litre DOHC
HP: 175 at 6000 rpm
Torque: 168 lb.ft. torque at 4000 rpm

Highlights

- Modernized interior
- USB connection
- Smooth, comfortable ride

Hyundai's Sonata is a mid-size sedan with the interior room of a full size sedan. Available in three models, prices start at \$21,995 for a GL model four-cylinder and range up to \$31,495 for a fully loaded Limited V6 model. The Sonata Sport is priced between these two and features a small lip spoiler, leather bolsters on the seats with cloth inserts, performance tires and sport-tuned suspension. Riding a little firmer than the GL or Limited models but with a ride still supple enough it is comfortable for all day drives.

Subtle exterior differences distinguish the three Sonata models. Sport models have five-spoke alloy wheels, while Limited models have chrome exterior door handles and bumper inserts. All share the redesigned front end, with a deeper grille, larger headlamps and a new bumper cover with larger air intake.

From the driver's seat, I recognized the new more contemporary dash design but I wasn't overwhelmed like I have been

in the past with previous Sonata models.

Perhaps that is because every previous Sonata has been such a dramatic improvement over its predecessor. For 2009, changes are more subtle. The new dash layout is modern and refined. The design is clean and uncluttered, and there is added functionality too.

I loved the USB and power connection in the centre console for my iPod. I plugged in a USB memory stick with some music and the audio display instantly recognized it, provided artist and album information and allowed easy selection of songs.

The Sonata offers a quiet comfortable ride even on rough pavement and gravel roads.



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Iraq has partially reopened its National Museum, once a trove of artifacts dating back to the dawn of civilization but which was plundered after the 2003 invasion while U.S. troops stood by. Only eight of the museum's more than 20 wings were reopened. **REUTERS**

Travel

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Accidental discovery

Maintenance workers at Egypt's Giza Pyramids have found an ancient quartzite statue of a seated man buried close to the surface of the desert, the culture ministry said. The figure, about five feet tall, was wearing a shoulder-length wig and was seated in a simple chair, his right hand clenched on his knee and holding an object. The Giza complex, containing the pyramids and the Sphinx, on the outskirts of Cairo, is one of the country's most popular tourist sites, attracting millions of visitors every year. **REUTERS**

A little-known gem in the South Pacific

New Caledonia boasts both an exotic setting and a French pedigree

DAWN L. ROBERTSON
for Metro Canada



For years, New Caledonians have used the catch phrase "France in the Pacific" to promote their country to the international tourist market. And it's certainly that, with a mélange of fashionistas and folks clad in the casual, brightly-coloured clothing that reflects an island lifestyle.

There are inspiring landscapes and water that is as intensely turquoise as it is



Left, the Tjibaou Arts and Cultural Centre in Noumea. Right, a pirogue or outrigger canoe with sail near the Isle of Pines.



PETER HENDRIE/LOVELY PLANET IMAGES

rich with marine wonders. But amidst the exotic setting, the country's capital city, Noumea, emits a distinctly European feel,

thanks to its colonial buildings, town square, gardens, markets, designer boutiques, patisseries and sidewalk cafés.

While Aussies, New Zealanders, the Japanese and the French have flocked to this South Pacific paradise for years, no one I knew could offer me any firsthand advice before I journeyed there myself.

In fact, I wasn't exactly certain where it was in the South Pacific. By the time I returned, however, I knew it was in a place that defines natural beauty.

New Caledonia is composed principally of the Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands and a mainland that's divided into northern and southern provinces. The archipelago is splendidly tucked amid a trio of better-known getaways. Noumea lies about 1,970 kilometres northeast of Sydney, 1,805 kilometres northwest of Auckland and 1,300 kilometres southwest of Nadi, Fiji.

So it's a perfect stop for travellers heading to any of

these more prominent destinations. But for those into diving, there's little need to go elsewhere. The mainland is cocooned in the world's largest lagoon, with water temperatures that range from an inviting 21 to 28 C. The reef is as close as a couple of kilometres from the coast in some spots and over 60 in others.

This magnificent marine environment bursts with fluorescent corals, sea cows, starfish, sea sponges, turtles, sea urchins and even humpback whales. So to call it an aquatic paradise understates the case somewhat.

Upon arriving at Tontouta International on my Aircalin, aircalinusa.com, flight from LAX, I hit the ground running. Even before I checked in at Le Meridien Noumea, emeridien.com/noumea, I took in the Tjibaou Cultural Centre. This move paid off in spades since it provided me with a solid background on New Caledonia's Kanak people and what I'd be exposed to during my adventures.

Housing a collection of art and traditional craftwork gathered from throughout New Caledonia and the wider Pacific, this architectural masterpiece showcases the Kanak culture via three "villages" linked by a pathway along the footsteps of their mythical First Man, Tea Kanake.

The distinctive Great Houses stylized design reflects traditional housing forms of varying height and surfaces; though the centre was also given a deliberately unfinished element as a reminder that Kanak culture is still evolving.

After a healthy dose of local insight, I headed back to the colourful capital of Noumea. In 1854, a French naval officer was so charmed by the natural port that he laid claim to the site. It's since been fashioned by sailors and missionaries, governed by the French military and claimed as a U.S. Army headquarters during the Second World War.

Today, for handy sightseeing, a small train makes

On the web

• visitnewcaledonia.com

a scenic circuit with stops at key sites between the city centre and the main tourist area of Anse Vata.

Tight on time but determined to explore the Southern Province's interior landscapes, I opted for a highly recommended Caledonia Tours, caledonia-tours@lagoon.nc, excursion to Blue River Park. Our host, Francois Tran, was perhaps the most well-versed guide I've ever encountered.

While I could have rented a car and ventured there on my own, I would have certainly missed so much of the magic that could only be shared by a native in the know. Both a gentleman and a scholar of all things New Caledonian, Tran shared with us the 22,350-acre forest reserve that's home to a plethora of native plants and wildlife, including the territory's rare and revered cagou birds.

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Hilton makes citizen's arrest

Don't mess with Nicky Hilton. After being pushed to the ground by a homeless person at a West Hollywood IHOP at 5 a.m. Saturday morning, the heiress made a citizen's arrest, a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman has confirmed. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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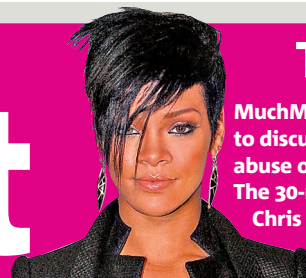
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TV special

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Concerts on film

Jonas Brothers project could revive genre

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

I'm going to come right out and say it: The Jonas Brothers may just revive the idle genre of concert movies.

Not only do I say this because the teen trio has a dedicated following of hardcore pre-pubescent fans that will undoubtedly line up endlessly to see Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience — in theatres on Friday — but the movie itself was shot using cutting-edge effects that will surely draw those inclined to experience a cinematic rock concert in 3-D form (although U2 did it first in 2007).

While there's no doubt that today's focus in Holly-

wood is primarily on this new way of witnessing gigs, there were many other stunning concert films before the gimmickry of 3-D came along. While the Jonas Brothers may render the traditional concert film extinct, there are certainly some worth revisiting:

THE T.A.M.I. SHOW (1965): Filmmaker Steve Binder released what some aficionados consider the first-ever concert film. Showcasing the top acts of the day, this rare flick is perhaps most notable for a closing "battle of the bands" sequence between James Brown and The Rolling Stones.

GIMME SHELTER (1970): The Rolling Stones were also the subject of this concert film by the Maysles broth-

ers. Chronicling the band's 1969 tour, this classic movie captured the tragic Altamont gig that ended in the brutal murder of at least one spectator. As a review in the San Francisco Chronicle stated, "few metaphors are as obvious as Altamont's for the death of the free-love '60s."

WOODSTOCK (1970): With groundbreaking appearances by Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Airplane and Joan Baez, Woodstock is often considered the greatest concert film ever. Not only did it win an Oscar for best documentary, but it set the gold standard for the genre.

THE LAST WALTZ (1978): Martin Scorsese took it upon himself to direct The



Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience opens in theatres on Friday.

Band's farewell performance in 1976. Not only did he capture the Canadian legends' skill on stage but Scorsese gives it his visual masterstroke as well.

STOP MAKING SENSE (1983): Directed by Jonathan Demme (Philadelphia), this

Talking Heads concert film is a tribute to the showmanship of the pop act behind hits like Burning

Down the House. The band may have split up in 1991, but this indelible film is still a stunning work of art.

Ledger's last film awaits deal for U.S. release

Backstage at the Oscars Sunday night, where her brother was awarded a posthumous supporting actor's award, Kate Ledger told reporters that her family is very much in the loop on his final movie.

"We've seen a little bit of the footage," she said of Terry Gilliam's *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, Heath Ledger's last film. "I think it's going to be amazing."

But the comments only highlighted a larger question: When will U.S. audiences get to see it?

The head-trippy *Parnassus*, about a travelling ma-

gician who gives customers more than they bargained for, is a joint production of financial entity Grosvenor Park and sales mogul Samuel Hadida of Davis Films. It was gliding along as just another independently financed production — and product of Gilliam's funhouse imagination — when Ledger died early last year, in the middle of production.

The project's fate was thrown into question until Jude Law, Colin Farrell and Johnny Depp stepped in, with all three part of an elaborate work-around

that has the actors playing different parts of Ledger's role.

That saved the production. But the sales process since then has been nearly as complicated.

A number of U.S. buyers during the summer and early fall were said to be interested in acquiring state-

side rights — Lionsgate and Overture reportedly were among the potential suitors — but word of a potential deal quickly quieted down.

That has fuelled speculation concerning such matters as dissent among producers over finances.

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Sunday was rough for Audrina Patridge — her Los Angeles home got robbed. "I had a really rough day today — I got home late last night and realized that my house had been robbed," she blogged on Monday. "It was pretty devastating." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Taking it all in stylish strides

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Project Runway Canada had its first shocker-elimination last night as Montreal designer Baylor Orlando, 37, got sent home.

Orlando had frequently garnered praise as one of the show's stronger competitors but the judges found his re-worked wedding dress, made from a sari, overly complex and unflattering.

For last night's task, the designers' usual size-zero models were swapped out for a batch of divorced women of all shapes, sizes and heights. Designers had to take the divorcees' old wedding dresses and transform them into outfits that reflected their new single life.

While Orlando's creation didn't appeal to the judges, Vancouver designer Kim Cathers' monstrous hodgepodge creation of slashed fabric and mismatched ele-

ments was horrifying even to Cathers herself and she said the dress was "ill-fitting and looked like a garbage bag."

Despite the judges all agreeing that Cathers' dress was a disaster, show host Iman convinced them she saw potential in Cathers and eventually Orlando got the boot instead.

For his part, Orlando isn't one to feel sorry for himself.

"I never like to play the victim.

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designer.

You have

to listen to

critics,

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them and

move on," Or-

lando said.

He is proud of the

work he did on the

show and says he was surprised the judges didn't like his dress because he was confident about it going in to judging.

"Sometimes, something you really like, other people won't like. I love every piece I did and I have no regrets," he said.

Orlando previously designed bridal and evening gowns in his home country of Venezuela before moving

When to watch

• Project Runway Canada airs Tuesday nights at 10 p.m. ET on Global.

to Canada to pursue his career dreams.

"I left everything behind when I moved from Venezuela to Canada — this is the country where I want to succeed," Orlando said.

Orlando currently designs handbags and accessories for a Montreal company and hopes to launch his own clothing line in the future. He says being on the show has been an amazing experience that proved he doesn't shy away from adventure.

"The show has allowed me to confirm that it's never too late to take challenges as a designer."



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From rock star to rock bottom for J.D. Fortune

MUSIC At this time just three years ago, J.D. Fortune was a month into the wildest ride of his life: A worldwide concert tour serving as frontman for Australian rock 'n' roll legends INXS.

The 18-month tour, which included two sold-out gigs at Massey Hall in February 2006, was a smash, in some locales drawing crowds as large as 80,000 people. The band's first release with Mississauga-born Fortune replacing the late Michael Hutchence on the mike, 2005's Switch, had given the aging band its most vital commercial presence since the multi-platinum heyday of such monster records as 1987's Kick and 1990's X, in no small part due to a radio-storming

first single, Pretty Vegas, written by Fortune.

"I feel a great deal of responsibility to this band," he said at the time. "And that comes in the form of leadership, it comes in the form of creativity and it comes in the form of just taking care of myself physically and mentally and spiritually."

It appeared as though the Idol-esque "reality" TV series Rock Star: INXS had delivered the dream it had promised: instant rock stardom, on a global level. A few days ago, though, Fortune, 35, was ringing up old friends at Sony Music Canada on a borrowed cellphone, despairing that he had nowhere to stay that night and venting at the label because he'd been

dumped from its roster and had bankrupted himself making a solo album that no one wanted to release.

Why? Because despite its members' claims at the time of Fortune's Rock Star win in late 2005 that he was a permanent hire, INXS dumped its new singer off at the Hong Kong airport when the clock ran out on its 18-month Switch tour. Handshakes all around and a "thank you" and that was it, according to Fortune. The band didn't even bother to announce the firing.

Neither did Fortune, until last week when he brought his story to Enter-



J.D. Fortune, the former frontman of INXS, says he's broke and homeless.

tainment Tonight Canada in an interview that was quickly picked up around the globe. Suddenly, the headline "INXS singer homeless and living in his car" was everywhere.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DVD picks

Sex Drive

Director: Sean Anders

IS IT written somewhere that teen comedies have to get even more down-and-dirty when they go to DVD? "Warning: Ruder, Cruder, Nuder" reads the come-on for the two-disc set of this small comic gem, which was plenty rude, crude and nude enough in its multiplex incarnation last fall. But it was also very funny. It steals so shamelessly from The Sure Thing to American Pie and everything in between, that at times it's almost like watching a teensploitation genre highlights reel. There's even déjà vu in the casting: Josh Zuckerman's virgin du jour Ian Lafferty is like an amalgam of John Cusack and Jason Biggs. The saving grace is that the film's creators know that you're onto them. So they just roll with it (did I mention this is also a road movie?) and toss in hilarious changeups that make Sex Drive seem fresher

than it is. Cast also includes Amanda Crew, Clark Duke and Seth Green.

What Just Happened

Director: Barry Levinson

ROBERT DE NIRO cashes another paycheck as Ben, a film producer on the skids. Ben has seen better times at work and at home (he's in the process of divorcing his second wife, played by Robin Wright Penn), and he's in desperate need of a hit. He thinks he's found it with Fiercely, a thriller starring Sean Penn that has a shot at a berth at Cannes. But Fiercely also takes a lethal shot at a dog in its closing moments. Audience test scores are brutal. The studio boss (Catherine Keener) wants the dog to live. Ben wants to keep both her and the director happy. The jokes are so inside-Hollywood they're claustrophobic.

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Watchmen aims to cash in on hero hits

The \$120 million comic book adaptation Watchmen premiered in London on Monday, aiming to repeat the success of superhero hits like Iron Man and The Dark Knight.

The red-carpet launch of the special effects-laden action thriller is the culmination of years of to-ing and fro-ing over scripts, budgets and, finally, a legal dispute between rival Hollywood studios.

Directed by Zack Snyder, whose 300 was a box office winner in 2007, Watchmen is based on a 1986 comic book series of the same name written by Briton Alan Moore and illustrated by compatriot Dave Gibbons.

As with other movies based on his stories, Moore has distanced himself from the film, which hits cinemas in Britain and North America on March 6.

Asked if Moore was likely to watch the movie, deemed "unfilmable" by some in the business, Snyder told Reuters: "Look, you know Alan has famously said 'I don't want anything to do with it' and

I just try and respect that as much as I can."

Watchmen is set in an alternate 1985 United States,

where the Doomsday Clock charting U.S. tensions with the Soviet Union, is permanently set

at five minutes to midnight. When one of his former colleagues is found murdered, masked vigi-

lante Rorschach sets out to uncover a plot to kill and discredit all superheroes, past and present. REUTERS

R rating

- The film contains scenes of sex and violence, earning it an R rating in the United States and limiting its commercial potential.

critics'corner

Pretty Bloody

Horror is for guys, right? Made by guys for guys who want to see blood and breasts, right? While the horror genre may be male-dominated, it does have its share of women in roles other than scream queen — director, for example. This new special traces women's contribution to the horror genre with film clips and interviews with directors Mary Lambert ("Pet Sematary") and Katt Shea ("Stripped to Kill"), actress Debbie Rochon and more. 10 PM on 50 SPC



CSI: NY

Out of the mouths of babes. Well, birds, actually. And claws, not mouths. When a buzzard flying over Manhattan drops a human eyeball from its claw, Mac (Gary Sinise) and the rest of the team race to find the rest of the body before the bird flies away with the rest of the evidence. The entire investigation is operating on a wing and a prayer. Sorry, that was a foul pun. 10 PM on 104 CTV

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Julianne Hough will have a hoot on the dance floor when her boyfriend Chuck Wicks joins her on Dancing with the Stars, which kicks off March 9. "It has been so much fun and really hilarious to see Chuck try to dance," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

'Predator' Sam still around: Brit's dad Hilary the hockey fan

LEGAL Under her father's care and control, Britney Spears now lives a protected life, her access even to telephones strictly restricted, people.com reports Jamie Spears as testifying in a court hearing Monday.

So when the 27-year-old pop star managed to get a prepaid cellphone recently, her security team confiscated it from her purse while she was at a dance practice. Confronted, she revealed the phone was given to her by someone during a hotel stay, the website reports.

And that person, she disclosed, got it from two men whom her father wants to keep permanently in the singer's troubled past: Ex-manager Sam Lutfi and former boyfriend, paparazzo Adnan Ghalib.

Jamie Spears described the

cellphone incident in testimony Monday in a Los Angeles court as he sought to maintain a restraining or-

der against Lutfi, whom Jamie has claimed harassed Britney and has sought to undermine Jamie's legal control over her life.

"When (Lutfi) was in so-called control, she'd lost everything — her kids and career," Jamie said at the hearing. "I believe he's a predator, I believe he's very dangerous to her ... and causes her a lot of anguish and disbelief."

In court papers, Lutfi 34, denies he's been harassing Spears, countering that it's been Spears reaching out to him — not the other way around — by sending him text messages even though court orders forbid her from doing so.

Lutfi does admit that he's passed messages on to her through her hairdresser and others, including Ghalib, 36, but argues that the messages weren't harmful in any way.

But Jamie Spears testified about a series of what he called threatening text messages he received last month from someone with the screen name "citygalin310," who he was later "100 per cent" sure was Lutfi. Lutfi's lawyer denied to People that Lutfi was the user of screen name.

Jamie also revealed why his daughter locked herself in a bathroom with son Jayden, leading to her first hospitalization last year.

"She was told by Lutfi she could have her children for another night," Jamie said. But when a bodyguard for her ex-husband Kevin Federline arrived to get the children, "She didn't want to let her kids go because she thought she could have them for another night," Jamie said.

The hearing will resume today with more testimony from other witnesses.

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PEOPLE Hilary Duff rows with fans at her boyfriend's hockey games, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer and actress regularly attends New York Islanders games to watch her lover and centre Mike Comrie (who's now with the Ottawa Senators), and isn't afraid to confront "intense fans" who abuse her man.

"I like to sit in the audience, you know I don't sit up in a box or anything, and people started to know that I'm sitting there, and they'll be like 'Mike sucks!' Or they try to rile me up and I'm like, 'Hey, watch it! I'll come up there, you know,'" she said. "But I try to not be that crazy girlfriend."

Duff was not a

fan of the sport when they first got together in 2007, but has now learned more about it and considers herself a fan.

The 21-year-old star added: "The first couple of games I went to, I'm like, 'These people are nuts.' They are, like, so into it.

And then, I got really into it once I started learning about the game."

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'She could, like, adopt me': Miley on Jolie

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus wants Angelina Jolie to adopt her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 17-year-old star is a big fan of Jolie — who already has three adopted children — and hopes the Changeling star will open her home to her soon.

Miley joked: "She is beautiful. She could, like, adopt me."

Jolie and her partner Brad Pitt raise six children together — adopted sons Maddox, seven, and Pax, five, and four-year-old

adopted daughter Zahara, along with two-year-old biological daughter Shiloh and seven-month-old twins Knox and Vivienne.

The Hannah Montana actress also admits she was disappointed not to meet Jolie on the red carpet at the Oscars on Sunday.

She said: "I wanted to see Angelina, but I didn't get to see her."

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Baby rumours false: Portia

RUMOUR Portia de Rossi wants to make sure everyone knows that she is not undergoing in vitro fertilization treatments in an attempt to get pregnant.

"There's a story around right now about me that could not be further from the truth," de Rossi told Access Hollywood.

When asked if she was referring to the pregnancy rumour, she confirmed, "Yes, that was completely made up."

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I'm healthy and happy: Mischa

HEALTH To anyone who thinks Mischa Barton is wasting away, she has a message: Don't worry about me, people.com reports.

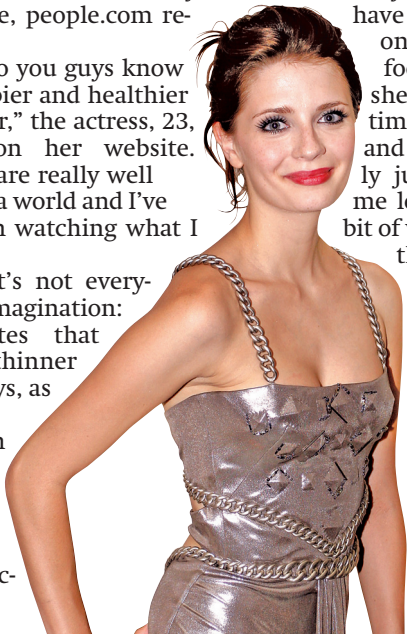
"Just so you guys know I'm happier and healthier than ever," the actress, 23, writes on her website. "Things are really well in Mischa world and I've just been watching what I eat."

Still, it's not everybody's imagination: She notes that she is thinner these days, as recent photos in the media have shown, sometimes ac-

panied by pointed speculation about her health.

"I still love my Pilates and yoga, and have cut back on fatty foods a bit," she says. "My time in India and Paris really just helped me lose a little bit of weight but there's nothing drastic going on."

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Sean and Madonna's run-in

PEOPLE Apparently there's one person who can get away with making fun of Madonna to her face: Ex-husband Sean Penn.

The two ran in to each other at an Oscars after-party, where Madonna commended Penn on his best actor win for Milk

earlier in the evening, according to Gatecrasher.

"Thanks," Penn said, before gesturing to Madonna's date, 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz, and adding, "Another kid all ready?"

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Heavy Queen Victoria role left impression on Emily

CAREER Emily Blunt dented her head while shooting her new movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress had to wear a crown for her role as late British monarch Queen Victoria in The Young Victoria and the regal headwear has left a permanent impression on her skull.

"The crown has left a dent in my head which they had to cover up with make-up. It was actually remarkably heavy," she said. Blunt, 26, also revealed she had on-set helpers to remove the weighty head-

wear in-between takes because it was so uncomfortable to have on.

She added: "Someone would come over to take it off me. It started to wobble soon after you put it on so I had to make all my movements very slow."

It wasn't just the crown that caused Blunt discomfort during shooting. The regal cloak she had to don for the part was also a burden on her body. She explained: "The big cloak was like carrying a bear on my shoulders. I was always overheating with all the different layers."

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Busy Oscar night for Robert

PEOPLE Twilight star Robert Pattinson was a busy man on Oscar night.

After presenting during the telecast, he hit the Vanity Fair after-party, where he was spotted having a long, deep conversation with Natalie Portman, according to E! News.

Later in the night, Pattinson apparently shared another hour-long confab with Paris Hilton at a different party.

Spies from the Mirror say Hilton even dragged Pattinson out into the garden for some private time. But by 5 a.m., the young hunk was on his way to the airport to head to Japan.

Busy night, indeed.

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